P.S. Having tea in Shirley room of this
Schloss Hotel. a nice girl has
just brought it me on a tray
with a smile Christ what a smile
a grand fire in my Bed-room too -
seems a fairly cushy part of the line. as front. 7 Oct 25

Barrow Castle
Ilderton
Northumberland

So home again are we I shd imagine
this jack-frost in these temperate climes
not very welcome after these Moorish
sun traps & co — Dearest René it was
nice of you to write so soon — &
I did love getting yr letter from
St Jean pied de Port — it was one
of the nicest letters I ever had in
my life — I the 7th we too from
Pamplona — I do hope you are a lot
better for yr little rest — I do look
forward to hearing more about it
well what of this ~~Mascarade~~ macaroni menus -V.
Placa mor do - What a balls-up
Christ this is serious — I don't
like the look of this at all - I suppose
Don't. Looks ominous alright.
Have you heard how they are singing in
London — Addis a Baa Baa Black-sheet
Keep on yr woolly.
or something to that effect — pretty nice?
waiting for this so-called last note to run
in for both — Mrs is a nice girl isn

for bed-room which, why not?- I should say
you need it in these northern places.
I came here on Friday & I got - now
to the Schooner Hotel Ainsworth & on
Thursday I go back to work for a short
time & then come south. I hope
it will be nice as this 'schooner'
Later - in bed. has this bath & the fire leaping
up & down. in the grate - it is a
dickens grate you know like the

this is a nice castle - it is very nice
& I like being here. I am going to
the Schooner-Hotel because Helen Si is away
& Cathy Sitwell is going to London to-morrow

I must stick — just here Irene Green
book with my unicorn in the[re] kitchen is it.
Works nice — & I like her book &
what it is nice to see a Longman Bk cover
like S. & W. — it is odd what one chuck can
do — how he can imprint his generous
idea on a thing — & not — Burns.

Pimple on parts died down — I was angry with
it — & I was..

It is <u>horrible</u> — I have a letter in
pandemonium. says she is ill in that vile
semi-orient — I knew she would be —
in her poor tummy of course — ah those
vile unwholesome kinds of food & drink & heat
& hate — It is awful to think of her
there ill — for her sake glad to Persia.
She asks after Jan & wonders how
Jan will get on in Shaia — She said she
~~would have~~ wanted to write to Joan but
was feeling too sick & That I could
send on her private letter for Joan to read
because it is descriptive of the general
chaos, mostly — <u>So it's a pretty good</u>
<u>mismatch</u> — Jan can only be patient & wait,
later. all packed ah — lunch done & waiting for
Car to take me to Beal station for Ammanford
Have I mentioned Miranda & Lewis &

-that's chronic. one thing Abbotsford is right on the sea. a small town in a type of bay. in a manner of speaking

is last, the usual confusion! (see A.M. last page) to a tidal river when is rate nice my mother does'nt seem at all well. did Tom come back with you - or stay on? I've been trying to do some work yes - but so much drowning in yr mind that it's difficult to concentrate apart for the odd neurasthenia. I do hope there is better news of Prudence soon - I do hate she can get on a boat & get out of that hell hole - especial with all the awful war stuff gathering thicker. She is at present, or was, when she wrote, on the Island of Prinkipo - is it there that Jack Hamm[illegible] lives? She is in the house of some French woman. the address was still the G.B. ~~Embassy~~ British Embassy Constantinople. not Legation as she says - but it will find her.

Glad you like Bernard & Barbara — Yes
I think Barbara always seemed to have a
nice disposition & no need to say any
word about her brilliant we all know about
them I shrewd fancy — but things can
get too large they can get far too large
even if they are as nice as nice to begin with
for Bernard — but no — I must note where
these topics — I was at pains to innocently
remark that I was under a type of
impression that he was not keen on
lovely matrimonies — but that was only hear-say
probably he is as happy as a sand-boy.
I laughed to think of your writing
under that Catholic action type of
conversation. Did shaw talk much of this
African war? — what do you think about it?
I think I feel there is a lot more
to be said for Italy than appears on
the surface. — It is the same old game
I fear — two big interests that are going to
bump: & the darkies a type of 'poor little
Belgium' — but I may be quite wrong.
I suppose this so called League is in
an awful jam. — & I do feel sorry for
the poor Ethiopians getting put out-
with air-planes & tanks & they with only shears
& Co — and but I don't suppose we shall be
able to do that at a price — to put
Afganistan & Co — anyway it's a problem

1st class talk eh.

I am in the curiousest type of train I've ever seen a long coach like an electric train rate only run be steam — & fairly fast — almost too fast to write — well often the windows are prise fixé — that better. only two oth passengers. — can see Bamburgh castle in distance by the sea — Joyous Guard doesn't rising time somehow.

O I found my trousers after all behind a curtain — well, how should I know they were there. — all this grisly suspicion & these trews unfounded — well I'm glad to have them again. anyway. Tell me about there Bulls fights sometime — what mass like in Skein?— Sean Dall & will stay will part this in Aln mouth. God bless you & many & so many thanks for yr letters it is kind of you to write so often. Wish I see you soon somewhere. my much love to you & Joan. from.

yr devoted. Jaird.

Mark you no more for trans of the Chanson de Roland — that grand. you remind I am ready the very Dan of Hartland last year — . We love much more lovely to read the original — good old Scholar Hague. neck or for the Nobel Prize.

Watch for: "She is at....?"

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"Isn't that where Jack....?"

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"Good old scholar Hague...?

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